



## ALEXANDRIA.

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The GAZETTE, chronologically, is in the eighty-ninth year of its existence and is not only the oldest paper in the State, but, with very few exceptions, in the country. Notwithstanding the fullness of its years, it has kept, and will continue to keep abreast of the times in all that pertains to a news paper, furnishing its readers daily with a perfect mirror of passing events, domestic and foreign. Its facilities for obtaining news as they increase are taken advantage of and used for the benefit of its readers, who are thus kept thoroughly posted as to all that is of interest politically, socially, financially and commercially. Special attention is given to matters concerning the State and its welfare, while its local columns contain all that is of the slightest interest to Alexandria. Its regular correspondence from Washington and Richmond are features of peculiar interest, as attested by the eagerness with which they are read and copied by other papers, while its editorial department, conducted with reference to the best interests of the city, State and country, will continue to advocate what is believed to be right, just, honest and patriotic. With a view to the interests of merchants, farmers, and all interested, its commercial columns are carefully edited and its market reports are acknowledged by all to be faithful and accurate. Through all this section of the State and in all parts of the country where Virginians have located, there will be the GAZETTE generally be found, and thus as an advertising medium it has few equals outside the large cities. In the household, counting room and workshop, it is an ever welcome visitor, acceptable alike to old and young, the grave and the gay.

To ALL a happy and prosperous New Year.

TO-DAY THE GAZETTE enters upon its eighty-ninth year—venerable in years—juvenile in spirit.

AT A MEETING of a district assembly of knights of labor in New York last Saturday night, the following resolution was adopted: "The press of the nation is entirely in the hands of those powers (the railroads). Hear them denounce us! listen to them voice the sentiments of their masters. If a dozen of the leaders were shot it would prevent all further trouble." And yet nothing is better known than the fact that every curtailment of the power of the railroads, that the restoration to the government of millions of acres of land granted them, that the interstate commerce law, indeed, that all the recent adverse railroad legislation, both State and national, have been solely the result of the arguments, the appeals and the demands of the press. As workmen constitute the vast majority of the people of the country, and as the influence and power of the newspapers depend upon the numbers of their readers, self interest, if no higher consideration, would be sufficient to induce them to advocate all the just requirements of labor. But it would never do for the men who live lazy and luxurious lives upon the assessments of laborers to acknowledge this patent fact.

MR. SCHOENHOF, U. S. consul at Tunstall, England, says:

"I find cotton goods fully as cheap in the United States as here. Shirts and sheetings, if anything, are superior in quality for the same price. Articles of underwear for women are superior in workmanship and cheaper in price in the United States. Nor are men's shirts, when chiefly of cotton, any cheaper here. Of boots and shoes—factory made, the same may be said."

This is as strong evidence in favor of the removal of the tariff on raw material as could well be afforded, inasmuch as it proves that American manufacturers can compete successfully with their rivals throughout the world if allowed equal terms. There is no tariff on the raw material of which leather and cotton goods are made.

THE NEW YEAR will be full of opportunities. The alert, active, and hopeful will seize them and reap their advantages. The hesitating, the sluggish and despondent will allow them to escape, and make themselves more miserable by reflecting upon the natural inequalities of this world. The sun shines and the snow falls upon all alike, but while the industrious, the economical and the prudent make both redound to their welfare, the lazy, the spendthrift and the negligent profit by neither, and vex themselves and others by bemoaning their hard fate. While it is unwise to wait for New Year's Day to turn over a new leaf, it is more so to allow that day pass without turning over one.

THE FACT that Collector Sullivan of New York has been forced, under the law, to return a handsome watch presented to him by his subordinates, recalls the other fact, that several of the federal officeholders in Washington have been the recipients of similar gifts, which they still retain.

THE ADMINISTRATION is evidently improving, and that, too, in the quality in which it was most deficient—partisan politics. During its early days federal office holders were not allowed to take any part in politics, but now, as recently stated in the GAZETTE's Washington correspondence, they are permitted to take active and conspicuous parts with impunity. The fact that a man holds a federal office should not deprive him of any of his rights and privileges of citizenship, and should not have done so two years ago any more than now.

ACCORDING to the more recent expressions of Northern republican politicians, it is the intention of the party to which they belong to consider the country as practically divided until the people of the South supplement their complete, entire and permanent acceptance of the result of the war between the States, with a public announcement that they were wrong in that war, and that the cause for which they fought—home rule—was unjust, and was undertaken without provocation.

THE REPORTS of the Pacific Railway commission having been sold to an enterprising newspaper and published, the President authorized the publication of copies of those in his possession, though he had not intended doing so until he had first sent them to Congress. With republican subordinates in the White House, and all the departments filled with them, it is no wonder that the secrets of the administration leak out.

The Century Magazine for January has been received from its publishers in New York. Its contents are: John Ruskin, The Catacombs of Rome, An Large, The Hardest Lot, The Hawk, The Old Man and Jim, The Graysons, John Gilbert, The Dussanes, Russian Provincial Prisons, Post-Meridian Inlet and Shore, The Upper Missouri and the Great Falls, A Song of Cheer, Abraham Lincoln, Pecuniary Economy of Food, A Love Song, An Elk Hunt on the Plains, The Artist, Meister-schaft, The Lights of Home, "De Valley and the Shadder," Memoranda on the Civil War, Topics of the Time, Open Letters, and Eric A. Brac.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 2, 1888.

To-day was observed here as a general holiday so far as the federal and district offices are concerned, and as a partial one by most of the first class stores. Calling, however, was by no means as general as usual. The most noticeable feature of the President's annual reception was its unusual smallness. It commenced at 11 o'clock, when the members of the Cabinet called. They were followed in the order named by the Diplomatic Corps, the Judiciary, Senators, Representatives, Commissioners of the District of Columbia, officers of the army and navy, the regents of the Smithsonian Institute, the heads of bureaus, the soldiers of the war of 1812, of the Mexican war, the G. A. R., among whom were several colored men, the Society of the Oldest Inhabitants, and then such other people as wanted to shake the President's hand. It was expected at the White House that the throng would be larger than on former occasions, but, on the contrary, it was strikingly smaller.

Congress will reassemble on Wednesday. Already several of the members who went home to spend Christmas have returned, among them Mr. Wise of Virginia. All the committees of the House have been completed, and will be announced the first thing on Wednesday. The Blair bill is the regular order of business in the Senate, but it is expected that Mr. Blair will give way to Mr. Sherman, who will call up his resolution referring the President's message to the finance committee, and on it make a high tariff speech, which will probably be the commencement of a debate on the subject of the tariff that may consume the remainder of the week, if not longer. It is reported that in the case of House committees Mr. O'Ferrall will be chairman of the committee on Mines and Mining, Mr. Wise of that on Manufactures, and Mr. Hemphill of that on the District of Columbia.

G. H. Burgess, of Richmond, has received an appointment in the Government printing office, at the instance of Representative Wise.

A democratic member of the Maryland legislature, hereto day, say ex-appointment clerk Higgins, of the Treasury Department, will be elected clerk of the lower house of that legislature when that body meets next Wednesday, and will be so elected in order to show the administration that the Maryland democrats want no mugwumpery and pretended civil service reform in their, and hold fast to the good old democratic doctrine that the party laborer is worthy of his hire.

The New Year came in with a bright and beautiful day in Washington. The sun shone warmly in an almost cloudless sky, and with the exception of ice covered sidewalks in the early morning, which made walking a little difficult, the day was all that could be desired. The White House was the main point of interest to the official world and the public to-day, and long before the beginning of the President's annual reception many people had assembled near the White House grounds. The reception began shortly after 11 o'clock, the members of the Cabinet and their families, the Diplomatic Corps, Senators, Representatives and a large number of other persons being presented to President and Mrs. Cleveland.

Alexandrians here to-day say there is considerable ice in the river between here and their city, but that the only place where it forms any obstruction is at Geiboro, the fork of the channel. The ferry boats, however, make their regular trips and are only delayed from ten to fifteen minutes.

Collector Robinson and deputy collector Lambert, of the Alexandria Custom's House, have an appointment with the Secretary of the Treasury to-morrow, to see if the recent order for reducing the customs force can not be modified so far as relates to Alexandria. Under the order referred to, Inspector Moore, of Alexandria, went out of office to-day.

Mr. W. J. Betts, of Northumberland county, Virginia, who has been waiting here for some time past for a position in the life saving service, having been told at the Treasury Department that upon presenting certain papers he would be appointed, has become disgusted with office-seeking and gone home, as after taking the trouble and expense of getting the required papers, when he went to the Treasury to present them he was directed to different rooms and was told either that nobody knew anything about the place he was seeking, or else that they didn't have time to consider his case.

According to the official report of Professor Swenon, just made to the Commissioner of Agriculture, sugar can be made in Kansas from sorghum just as cheaply as from cane in Louisiana. In the urgency deficiency bill that will be introduced in Congress, the Virginia item is \$33,000 for the completion of the public building at Richmond, and \$20,000 for that at Lynchburg.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

A heavy snowstorm visited the valley and Southwest Virginia Saturday.

The January term of the Court of Appeals will commence on Thursday next at Richmond.

A vestibule train to be run on the Atlantic Coast Line between New York and Jacksonville will be started to-day.

Eleven cotton steamships cleared from Norfolk for Europe during the month of December, carrying cargoes of cotton valued at \$2,449,024.

Mr. Henry N. Richards and Miss Gustavia Williams, daughter of the late Dr. A. G. Williams were married in Front Royal on the 26th ult.

A wealthy capitalist of New York has been to Petersburg for the past few days prospecting, with a view of starting a large silk factory there.

A proposal from a New York company to furnish Warrenton with an abundant water supply and a system of electric lights was laid before the town council Saturday night.

Gov. Lee has accepted the resignation of Rev. J. William Jones as chaplain of the First Battalion of Virginia Artillery, and also as curator of the Hampton Normal School.

General Williams C. Wickham, receiver of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, has appointed Major Wm. M. S. Duon consulting engineer, with office in Richmond.

The total amount of leaf tobacco sold in Danville for the month of December was two million seven hundred thousand pounds, and for three months ended Saturday eight million pounds.

The construction train on the W. & O. R. R. has been busy for some time in the vicinity of Hamilton. All the tracks about that place have been repaired and furnished with new ties.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Bedford Glasscock, of Fauquier, and Miss Lulu Cochran Richards, daughter of Burr H. Richards, of Baltimore, but formerly a citizen of Loudoun.

The new Academy of Music in Petersburg will be formally opened on the 9th of next month. The Governor of Virginia and the Governor of North Carolina have been invited to be present.

Second Auditor Ruffin said on Saturday that up to that date about \$800,000 of Virginia securities had been funded under the Riddleberger bill. There is not likely to be a rush in funding after to-day, as the holders of the bonds will not save anything by it.

Mr. John McLean Lipscomb, of Virginia, has been appointed clerk at a salary of \$1,400 in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, by transfer under civil service rules from the Surgeon-General's office, War Department. Thomas M. Wade, of Virginia, has been appointed to class I in the office of the Sixth Auditor of the Treasury.

A syndicate of New York and Boston capitalists, who have been negotiating for the purchase of the Upper Appomattox canal property, have taken charge of the same. This canal extends from Petersburg to a point within a few miles of Farmville, a distance of nearly fifty miles, and is considered the most valuable water power in the State.

The Chesapeake and Ohio railway forwarded from Newport News on Friday fourteen cars of dry goods, and at Richmond added three cars, making one solid train of seventeen full cars, consigned to a firm in St. Paul, Minn. Shipments were from Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and reached the Chesapeake and Ohio by their water connections—the M. and M. T. Co., Old Dominion Steamship Company and Clyde Line, all of which lines are a part of the Kanawha Dispatch operating over the Chesapeake and Ohio.

## Christmas Festivities.

During the week of festivities, the special feature of enjoyment for the little folks was the annual Sunday school entertainment, or "Christmas Tree" as it is commonly called, and no one, I am sure, has been more thoroughly enjoyed both by young and old, than the one given at Clifton Station Thursday evening, under the supervision of Mr. Thomas Graham, who as superintendent, without doubt the right man in the right place. The exercises were opened by singing a Christmas carol, after which followed recitations by the children and the reading of Will Carlton's "Christmas Party" by Miss Olivia Ford. The tree was very tastefully trimmed, a genial looking Santa Claus keeping guard on the topmost bough, who, judging from his size and youthful appearance, must have been a grandson of old Santa. As he was probably brought from the heavy load of presents he had brought to his friends at Clifton, he did not take any active part in the entertainment. With each present was given a basket of candy, and some who were more fortunate than the others received several presents.

These were not confined strictly to members of the Sunday school, for several were given by friends outside. Fairfax's legislator was present, and at the close of the entertainment looked very much disappointed because Santa Claus had overlooked him. He probably thought a representative was of as much importance as a Sunday school scholar, but not here and not at this time that should be devoted to children and their enjoyment, then, if there be a surplus, Virginia's representatives and the older folks in general may come in for a share.

Last Wednesday evening witnessed a large and gay assembly of young people at the residence of Mr. John DeBell, near Centreville. Judging from the number in attendance, all the lads and lassies within a radius of ten miles must have turned out in spite of the rain and mud, Virginia mud, too, to say nothing of the young hurricane which followed later in the evening. It may be that the wind blows harder here on account of its nearness to the battlefield, in angry remembrance of the deeds committed thereon in the past. Dancing commenced early in the evening and continued until after the chickens began to crow, being interrupted only long enough for the guests to enjoy a delightful supper. The following names belong to some of the ladies who were fortunate enough to be in attendance: Misses Mary Millan, Barnes, Taylor, Bessie Millan, Ford, W. L. Carter, Moore, Lee, Etta McLean, Triplett, Macher, Harrison, Misses Green, Turbeville, Mrs. Watkins and Ballenger, of the honor of accompanying the above named ladies are: Messrs. George Carter, Simpson, Lee, Buckley, Robt. Carter, Millan, Dr. Brock, Harry Wilcox, Utchuck Watkins and Morris. It was an extremely enjoyable affair and it remains fresh in the memories of all those who were there, particularly one of the lady guests who was being assisted from one conveyance to another by a gallant young swain, when he became so overcome by the immense weight as to land her without ceremony in the deepest part of the largest mudhole in this section of the country. Fortunately no limbs were broken and the only damage done were the impressions in the shape of mud spots upon the gentlemen's Sunday pants. The guests of this occasion are much indebted to their host and hostess for their kind attention and hospitality.



## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

## Three Men Killed.

NOGALES, Jan. 2.—The following account is given of the killing, a few days ago, of Santiago Rojas, his son Francisco and grandson Manuel, near Rancho de Navajos, on the road to Ventanas, at which place Leu Baldwin was killed. While driving pack-mules together, early in the morning, Mangel Rojas discovered a man on horseback in an unfrequented locality. He aroused his companions and the three started to overtake the rider. While following up the trail they ran into the camp of a party of fourteen bandits belonging to Bernal's band and were fired upon. Santiago Rojas was blown literally into pieces. Francisco's body was found full of bullet holes. In the body of Manuel, which had the least number of wounds of all, six bullet holes were found. The bandits rifled the pockets of the dead and from Francisco took \$1,500 which he was taking to Ventanas. The packs were left intact.

## Striking Glass Workers.

SANDWICH, Mass., Jan. 2.—As was expected, the glass workers employed in the Boston and Sandwich glass factory did not return to work to-day. Many of them removed their tools from the factory on Saturday. Work in the decorating, etching and other departments will continue until the stock is used up, when, if the difficulties are not settled, a general suspension will undoubtedly occur. The differences are to be settled by a committee from the American Flint Glass Manufacturers' Association, and their decision is to be final for the workmen in all factories.

## Death of Mr. James Hendricks.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 2.—Jas. Hendricks, brother of the late Vice President Hendricks, died yesterday after a few days illness with lung fever, aged 56. The deceased enlisted during the war in the 51st Indiana regiment, and afterwards served with honor in a new regiment. He was the last member of the Hendricks family, and is the third to die within the last year. A dispatch has been sent to Mrs. Thomas A. Hendricks, who is in California, and the funeral will be held on Thursday on her arrival.

## Proposed Reduction of Force.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 2.—There is much suppressed feeling among employees of the Gould and Southern Railroad system here and at other points along the line because of an order to at once reduce the working forces ten per cent. The officials claim the reduction is the result of the dull season and will not last longer than March 1st. The men claim the reduction is not justified by the labor situation on the system and is resorted to as a substitute for cutting wages. Fourteen hundred men will be left without work.

## A Terrible Catastrophe.

FORGETOWN, Ala., Jan. 2.—A terrible catastrophe occurred last night in which three persons were killed outright and between twenty and thirty injured. The colored Baptists had gathered in their church to watch the old year out and the new come in, as is their custom, and during the festivities so great was the crowd that the floor gave way and the building collapsed. A scene of terror ensued. Mary Allison and Mrs. Jones and her child were taken from the wreck dead.

## Court Martial Ordered.

LOS ANGELES, CALA., Jan. 2.—A general court martial order has been issued from the headquarters of Gen. Miles fixing the sentences of the five regularly enlisted Indian scouts who mutinied at San Carlo last June and fled to the mountains, where they remained until returned by the troops. They are sentenced to two, ten, fifteen and twenty years' confinement at hard labor at Fort Leavenworth.

## Burned to Death.

PORTLAND, OREGON, Jan. 2.—At Lebanon, Lion county, Saturday night, John aged 9 years and Mabel aged 7, the only children of John Kolston, a banker, were burned to death in the bath room of the family residence. The mother had just left them when a lamp exploded, filling the room with flames. The mother in attempting the rescue of the children was badly burned, but it is believed she will recover.

## The Crown Prince.

SAN REMO, Jan. 2.—The Crown Prince of Germany shared in the amusements of his family circle yesterday. Private theatricals were given in which Prince Henry and Princess Victoria, his children, took part. The Crown Prince received the congratulations of the civil and military authorities of San Remo. He was also the recipient of an immense number of telegrams and addresses.

## Booker-keeper Missing.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 2.—A special from Circleville, Ohio, says that Jacob H. Delaplaine, a confidential book-keeper for the Portage Strawboard Works is missing, and an examination of his books for December shows a deficit of \$3,000. The firm do not think the total amount will reach \$4,000. Delaplaine has for years followed gambling in margins with varying success.

## The Coal Miners.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 2.—The knights of labor have so far been unsuccessful in getting the railroad coal miners at Scott Haven to come out for the Columbus scale. As a result of this a number of operators notified their miners that a reduction of five cents per ton would be made in their wages, to take effect at once. A strike may follow.

## Emperor William.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Emperor William, in his remarks at his new year reception yesterday, avoided open political allusion, but in conversation with his military chiefs he referred to the improvement in the general political situation.

## The Late Judge Parker.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—The body of Judge Joel Parker, the War Governor of New Jersey, who died suddenly at the residence of an acquaintance in this city last night, will be removed to his late home at Freehold, N. J., to-morrow. The funeral will take place from the First Presbyterian church at Freehold on Friday next at 11 o'clock.

## The New Mayor of Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 2.—The inaugural Mayor O'Brien, who was qualified to-day, states that the gross debt of Boston to Jan. 1st, is \$48,682,428. The net debt is \$27,627,588, an increase of a million and a quarter over last year. He takes a rosy view of the city's condition and claims that its government is strictly non-partisan.

## The Raritan River.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 2.—The Raritan river has risen and is five feet high on the wharves. Considerable damage has been caused in the coal and lumber yards. All the cellars in the lower part of the city are submerged.

## Delayed Trains.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 2.—All trains have been six to fourteen hours late but the roads have now about cleared their tracks. The snow fall has been the heaviest for several years and will interfere with log operations in the pineries.

## England and the Vatican.

ROME, Jan. 2.—The Italian papers say Mr. Gladstone will treat with the Vatican for its support in the efforts being made to obtain autonomy for Ireland, Mgr. Persico having commenced the negotiations.

## Theatre Burned.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Alhambra Theatre, at Antwerp, was destroyed by fire at midnight last night. The theatre was a vast structure.

## The Reading Railroad Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—There is no material change apparent in the Reading R. R. strike here to-day.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Wm. C. Kauffman, while watering stock at a creek on his father's farm, near Frederick, Md., picked up an old iron pot, which upon examination was found to contain \$75 in gold and silver. It is reported that the money was hidden during the war.

The Pope's jubilee was celebrated in all the Catholic churches of Baltimore yesterday with appropriate sermons, the principal celebrations being at the Cathedral, where Cardinal Gibbons preached. Similar services were held in other cities.

The immigration at New York during 1887 shows an increase of over 70,000 steerage and 10,000 cabin passengers. The total number of cabin passengers who arrived was 78,000 and of steerage passengers 371,371, and in 1886 the figures were 68,742 and 300,918.

In Baltimore on Saturday night, in a narrow thoroughfare running north and south between Chester street and Collington avenue, a double tragedy was enacted in the lower story of a house, in which a young man named Stephen Conroy, angered at a drunken mother lying on the floor beside a drunken neighbor, deliberately stamped the life out of both. Last night before a coroner's jury he confessed the crime.

A SAD CASE.—"One of the saddest cases with regard to passes," said Bill Nye, "came under my notice when I was in Laramie. A modest appearing young Englishman, who said he represented one of the principal London papers and was writing his experiences on a tour through America, reached Laramie on his way Westward. He had run out of funds, but was desirous of going West and I went with him to the office of the Division Superintendent of the Union Pacific to get him a pass. He said that he expected remittances were awaiting him at Green River. The Division Superintendent refused to grant the pass and I telegraphed the General Superintendent, but there was some delay in getting an answer and the young man left. I did not think until he was gone to ask him if he would permit me to advance him some funds. A day or two after his departure I received a letter from him. He had made his way a little distance down the line, his money had given out, and he was compelled to work as a section hand on the road. His letter was cheerful, however, and he wrote that he intended to work his way to Green River and then write up his experience. The next day a pass came for him from the General Superintendent. Before I could get it to him a special came from the point on the line where he was at work to the effect that he had been run over by a train and killed. One leg and his right arm had been horribly mangled, and he had been pushed into a cattle guard. A companion ran to him, but just as he reached the cattle guard he saw the young fellow reach into his hip pocket with his left hand, draw forth his revolver and blow his brains out to end his misery. An investigation at Green River revealed the fact that remittances were awaiting him there from his paper in London."

STRANGE DRESSING ROOM.—A remarkably strange scene was enacted at the depot opposite the broad gauge ticket window yesterday. A party of Italians, consisting of four women, one of whom was a pretty young woman of 20 years, had come off the boat. It was a wedding party, or rather the daisies had come from the country to meet her lover and be married. Dusty and travel stained as she was she could not possibly meet her intended husband. Accordingly the party slipped out of the stream pouring from the ferry, and gathering against the bulkhead the young lady commenced to undress herself. Regardless of the crowd which soon collected, she proceeded to strip herself until she was standing in a state of almost Eves-like simplicity. Then she commenced to don her wedding trousseau. This was soon accomplished, and when the young lady found herself completely arrayed for her nuptials she walked off with her party through the laughing crowd, unmindful both of the laughter she excited or that she had done anything immodest.—San Francisco Alta.

Salvation Oil, the greatest cure on earth for pain, has made a most brilliant debut. All druggists and dealers in medicine sell it at 25 cents a bottle.

I have been treated for catarrh by eminent physicians, but nothing has ever benefited me like Ely's Cream Balm.—Mrs. L. A. Lewis, 186 Chippewa street, New Orleans, La.

Ely's Cream Balm is the best medicine for catarrh I have ever used.—Mrs. O. Wood, Mexico, Texas.

I find Ely's Cream Balm good for catarrh of long standing.—N. N. Lasley, 1934 West Chestnut street, Louisville, Ky.

## PROPOSED BRIDGE AT POINT OF ROCKS.

On the banks of the Potomac, directly opposite Point of Rocks, a sale was made on Saturday of one of the abutments of the bridge formerly spanning the river at that point, and which was destroyed by military orders in the early part of the late war. Some time ago a decree was obtained from the Court of Loudoun County ordering the sale on the 31st of December of portions of the property, and the sale of one abutment was made to Mr. Joseph D. Baker, president of the Citizens' National Bank of Frederick, Md., and of the Montgomery County National Bank, at a bid of \$500. It is believed that it will not be long before the building of a new bridge will begin. It is thought that an organization for this purpose has already been formed, and that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company is in some way connected with it, as a bridge at that point would be of great importance to them.

MASONIC APPOINTMENTS.—Under authority granted him by the Grand Lodge at a session in Richmond a few weeks ago, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia William F. Drinkard has made the following appointments:

J. C. Little, Norfolk, grand lecturer, District No. 1.  
Harry B. Owen, Manchester, lecturer, District No. 2.  
F. H. Hill, Madison Courthouse, lecturer, District No. 3.  
Geo. W. Wright, Marion, lecturer, District No. 4.  
Grand Working Committee—J. C. Little, Harry B. Owen, F. H. Hill, Geo. W. Wright, John Clifton, E. W. Eubank, W. E. Turner, Geo. H. Kay, Jas. S. Yestman.

Farmers who know that tobacco-stalks are a very valuable manure, because their ashes contain a great portion of potash, perhaps do not know that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the best cure for coughs and colds.

## OFFICIAL.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held December 31, 1887, there were present: Henry Strauss, President, and Messrs. Arthur Burke, Marlbury, Bryant, Lambdin, Leadbeater and McKenzie.

The following communication from the President was read:

To the Board of Aldermen: Gentlemen—By the authority vested in the President of the Board of Aldermen by the charter of the city of Alexandria, I have called you together for the purpose of electing a Mayor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of our late lamented Mayor, Hon. John B. Smoot, as it is, in my opinion, for the good of the city.

HENRY STRAUSS, President of the Board of Aldermen. The board proceeded to the chamber of the Common Council for the purpose of electing a Mayor, and upon their return adjourned.

Teste: JNO. J. JAMIESON, Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, held on the 31st day of December, 1887, there were present: John T. Sweeney, esq., President, and Messrs. Wm. S. Moore, Aitchison, Snowden, Clarence Moore, Fisher, Gronau, Whitting, Corbett, Hinken, Wadley, Smoot, Strider, Bayne, Germond and Kelley.

A communication from the President of the Board of Aldermen stating the object of convening the City Convention was read and received. On motion of Mr. Snowden the Board of Aldermen were invited to meet this board in joint convention for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of Mayor of this city occasioned by the death of the Hon. John B. Smoot, and the invitation being accepted and the two boards met in joint convention, and Messrs. E. E. Downham, Joseph Broders, Wm. A. Moore and Henry Strauss were placed in nomination, and upon the second ballot Mr. Downham receiving a majority of the votes of the joint convention was declared elected Mayor of the city of Alexandria for the unexpired term; whereupon Messrs. Henry, Ames, Strider and Bayne were appointed a committee to notify Mr. Downham of his election and to invite him before the convention to be sworn into office. The committee retired and after a time returned with Mr. Downham, who being introduced to the convention, was duly inaugurated Mayor of this city by taking the required oaths, and the joint convention then dissolved. The Board then adjourned.

Teste: JAMES R. CATON, Clerk.

## COMMERCIAL.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE JAN. 2	
Flour, fine.....	\$2.50 @ 2.75
Superfine.....	2.75 @ 3.00
Extra.....	3.75 @ 4.25
Family.....	4.40 @ 5.00
Fancy brands.....	4.75 @ 5.25
Wheat.....	0.75 @ 0.85
Soft.....	0.80 @ 0.87
Flax.....	0.80 @ 0.87
Fair Wheat.....	0.78 @ 0.82
Damp and tough.....	0.70 @ 0.75
Corn, white.....	0.53 @ 0.54
Yellow.....	0.52 @ 0.54
Corn Meal.....	0.55 @ 0.64
Oats.....	0.35 @ 0.38
Butter, Virginia prime.....	0.20 @ 0.22
Common to middling.....	0.15 @ 0.18
Eggs.....	0.20 @ 0.22
Live Chickens.....	0.7 @ 0.8 1/2
Dressed Chickens.....	0.9 @ 1.0
Live Turkeys.....	0.11 @ 0.13
Dressed.....	0.10 @ 0.12
Dressed Pork.....	6.00 @ 7.00
Hind quarters Beef.....	0.5 @ 0.5 1/2
Fore quarters Beef.....	0.3 @ 0.3 1/2